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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 21, 2001, please consider the following remarks:

Claims 1-17 are all the claims pending in the application.

As a preliminary matter, Applicants note that the Examiner has not indicated the status of the drawings filed December 11, 2001. Hence, the Examiner is respectfully requested to do so.

Claims 1-17 stand rejected based on the various combinations of references discussed below. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections as set forth below.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S.P. 4,969,195 to Noro et al. ("Noro") in view of U.S.P. 5,588,065 to Tanaka et al. ("Tanaka")

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Noro in view of Tanaka. Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentable over the applied references, at least